

PEGASUS THROWN OUT OF CUP

Sports Mail Special Report

FIELDING a largely experimental side, Pegasus were outpaced by lively Wycombe Wanderers in the semi-final of the A.F.A. Invitation Cup competition at High Wycombe, and they were a little lucky to be only two goals down at half-time.

Wycombe Wanderers: Brown; Beck, Moring; Truett, Crook, Fryer; Atkins, Trott, James, Bates, Free.

Pegasus: Skelton; Dougal, Sharp; Hancock, Saunders, Wright; Race, Randall, Grayson, Theobald, Sutcliffe.

Pegasus, who made nine changes from the advertised team, had an escape in the first minute when Skelton tumbled a shot and allowed Trott to dispossess him. But Trott just failed to turn the ball into the goal.

Five minutes after the start, however, Wycombe went ahead when BATES, receiving from Truett, ran through on his own, and lobbed the ball over the head of the advancing goalkeeper into an empty net.

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Shaping more confidently than their opponents, Wycombe went near a little later when a long shot by Bates was turned away for a corner kick.

Pegasus improved as the game progressed, but the defence was uncertain.

The likeliest attempt by a somewhat ragged Pegasus front line came when Randall, the pick of their attack, shot over the bar after a fine solo run.

Three minutes before half-time TROTT scored a second for

Wycombe from a neat pass from James.

Half-time: Wycombe 2, Pegasus 0.

Showing much better combination, Wycombe continued to dominate play in the second half, and Hancock saved Pegasus when he blocked a shot from Atkins.

Atkins scored Wycombe's third.

Pegasus hit back for a brief spell, in which they forced two corners, but Wycombe soon regained the initiative and BATES beat Skelton for a fourth in the 73rd minute.

Five minutes later, JAMES added a fifth for Wycombe.

Plucky Pegasus never gave up, and a few minutes before time, RANDLE scored their only goal.

RESULT:
WYCOMBE WANDERERS 5
PEGASUS 1

5 WITH A ZIP BY WYCOMBE

Wycombe 5, Pegasus 1

FOUR times winners of the trophy, Pegasus were bundled smartly out of the A.F.A. Invitation Cup Semi-final by this season's newcomers to the competition, Wycombe Wanderers.

For Pegasus this was little more than an experimental line-up, though they fielded four internationals.

Their forwards, lacking cohesion, could make little headway against the competent, quick-tackling home defence, in which centre-half Ken Crook deputised competently for the injured Fisher.

Only the busy Randle met with any marked success in the Pegasus front line, for the varsity halves were too preoccupied in defence to afford them much support.

The Wycombe forwards, with Bates and Atkins back in top form, maintained speedy and purposeful combination throughout, though marksmanship was often erratic.

Bates put Wycombe ahead in the first five minutes, but the varsity men defended stubbornly under the leadership of centre-half Saunders until just before half-time, when Trott, after missing a couple of sitters, claimed a second.

Much quicker on the ball, Wycombe emphasised their superiority in the second half.

Atkins, Bates, and James added to their score, in spite of some brilliant 'keeping by goalkeeper Skelton.

It was not until the last few minutes that Randle scored for Pegasus, after a shot from Sutcliffe had been blocked on the line by Moring.